

[Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam]

[15th March 1960]

Name of the Centre.	Paddy.				Rice			
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	F b.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
Cuddalore ..	15.95	15.95	12.14	12.51	22.01	21.77	19.00	18.39
Vellore ..	14.69	15.00	13.70	14.00	21.71	20.73	20.50	20.19
Kumbakonam.	14.17	14.00	12.01	11.96	22.79	22.50	20.50	19.38
Tiruchirappalli.	13.75	12.91	11.55	12.74	21.61	20.18	18.87	18.94
Salem ..	13.34	13.01	12.64	12.95	20.96	20.46	18.86	18.94
Madurai ..	13.20	13.55	12.62	12.08	22.08	22.58	20.07	19.07
Nagercoil ..	15.42	14.81	18.21	12.39	21.69	21.19	19.17	19.25
State average ..	14.36	14.16	12.59	12.58	21.98	21.33	19.57	19.17

Sir, the figures will show that on the whole the prices of both paddy and rice have fallen down by nearly Rs. 2 per maund since November 1959 and that there is no increase in price as a result of the Government giving up procurement.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT.

AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Governor has given his recommendation for the introduction of the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1960, in the Legislative Assembly.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

‘ That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

V.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1960-61—cont.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now we shall continue the discussion on the Budget for the year 1960-61. The hon. Member, Sri S. Pakkirisami Pillai, will speak now.